

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5365

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2022) (a) As used in this section,
- 2 "used motor vehicle dealer" means any person, firm or corporation that
- 3 holds a license in another state to engage in the business of
- 4 merchandising used motor vehicles and "used motor vehicle" has the
- 5 same meaning as provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes.
- 6 (b) No used motor vehicle dealer shall sell any used motor vehicle to
- 7 a buyer in this state without furnishing to such buyer or to a person,
- 8 firm or corporation who is engaged in the business of filing applications
- 9 for the issuance of a certificate of registration or a certificate of title for
- 10 motor vehicles, not later than fourteen days after the delivery of such
- 11 vehicle to the buyer, a valid certificate of title, the assignment and
- 12 warranty of title by such dealer or other evidence of title issued by
- 13 another state or country, where applicable, that discloses the existence
- of any lien, security interest in or other encumbrance on such vehicle.
- 15 (c) Any used motor vehicle dealer who violates any provision of this
- section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.
- 17 Sec. 2. Section 14-65k of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

- 19 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may conduct investigations 20 and hold hearings on any matter under the provisions of sections 14-51 21 to 14-65j, inclusive, [and] section 14-65l and section 1 of this act. The 22 commissioner may issue subpoenas, administer oaths, compel 23 testimony and order the production of books, records and documents. 24 If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to produce any book, record, 25 paper or document when so ordered, upon application of the 26 commissioner, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order as 27 may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section.
- 28 (b) The Attorney General, at the request of the commissioner, is 29 authorized to apply in the name of the state of Connecticut to the 30 Superior Court for an order temporarily or permanently restraining and 31 enjoining any person from violating any provision of sections 14-51 to 32 14-65j, inclusive, [and] section 14-65l and section 1 of this act.
 - Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may enter into an agreement or agreements with one or more qualified independent contractors to implement the use of electronic certificates of title in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2022	14-65k
Sec. 3	from passage	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, Subsec. designator (c) was added for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

TRA Joint Favorable Subst.

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